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Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to establish the
Committee on the Elimination of Nonessential Federal Programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OGLES submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to
establish the Committee on the Elimination of Non-
essential Federal Programs.

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. COMMITTEE ON ELIMINATION OF NON-**
3 **ESSENTIAL FEDERAL PROGRAMS.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Clause 1 of rule X of the
5 Rules of the House of Representatives is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (f) through (t)
7 as paragraphs (g) through (u); and

8 (2) by inserting after paragraph (e) the fol-
9 lowing new paragraph:

1 “(f) Committee on the Elimination of Non-
2 essential Federal Programs.

3 “(1) Modification or elimination of under-
4 performing or nonessential Federal programs.

5 “(2) Identification of Federal programs
6 and activities that duplicate or compete with ac-
7 tivities available from the private sector.”.

8 (b) DUTIES.—Clause 4 of rule X of the Rules of the
9 House of Representatives is amended by adding at the end
10 the following new paragraph:

11 “(g) The Committee on the Elimination of Non-
12 essential Federal Programs shall—

13 “(1)(A) research, review, and study Federal
14 programs that are underperforming or nonessential;
15 and

16 “(B) determine which Federal programs should
17 be modified or eliminated;

18 “(2) develop recommendations to the House for
19 action designed to modify or eliminate underper-
20 forming or nonessential Federal programs; and

21 “(3) submit to the House—

22 “(A) at least once a year, reports includ-
23 ing—

1 “(i) a detailed statement of the find-
2 ings and conclusions of the Committee;
3 and

4 “(ii) a list of underperforming or non-
5 essential Federal programs; and

6 “(B) legislation to eliminate the programs
7 described in section subdivision (ii) and rescis-
8 sions based on the findings of the report de-
9 scribed in subdivision (i).”.

10 (c) COMPOSITION.—Clause 5(a) of rule X of the
11 Rules of the House of Representatives is amended by add-
12 ing at the end the following new paragraph:

13 “(5)(A) The Committee on the Elimination of Non-
14 essential Federal Programs shall be composed of members
15 as follows:

16 “(i) Four members from the Committee on Ap-
17 propriations.

18 “(ii) Four members from the Committee on the
19 Budget.

20 “(iii) Four members from the Committee on
21 Oversight and Accountability.

22 “(iv) Four members from the Committee on
23 Ways and Means.

24 “(v) One member who does not serve on any of
25 committees described in items (i) through (iv), who

1 shall be appointed by the Speaker and designated by
2 the Speaker as the Chair of the Committee.

3 “(vi) One member who does not serve on any
4 of committees described in items (i) through (iv),
5 who shall be appointed by the Speaker and des-
6 ignated by the Speaker as the Vice Chair of the
7 Committee.

8 “(B) A member of the Committee may not serve on
9 the committee during more than three Congresses in a pe-
10 riod of five successive Congresses (disregarding for this
11 purpose any service for less than a full session in a Con-
12 gress).

13 “(C) The Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee
14 shall not be from the same political party.”.

15 (d) EXPEDITED PROCEDURES FOR CONSIDERATION
16 OF COMMITTEE LEGISLATION.—Rule X of the Rules of
17 the House of Representatives is amended by adding at the
18 end the following new clause:

19 **“Expedited procedures for legislation reported by**
20 **the Committee on the Elimination of Non-**
21 **essential Federal Programs**

22 “12. With respect to any bill or resolution reported
23 by the Committee on the Elimination of Nonessential Fed-
24 eral Programs, the following shall apply:

1 “(a) After the expiration of the 7-day period
2 (excluding any day on which the House is not in ses-
3 sion) that begins on the date the Committee reports
4 the bill or resolution, it is in order to move to pro-
5 ceed to the consideration of the bill or resolution.
6 The motion is highly privileged and is not debatable,
7 an amendment to the motion is not in order, and it
8 is not in order to move to reconsider the vote by
9 which the motion is agreed to or disagreed to.

10 “(b) Debate on the bill or resolution shall be
11 limited to not more than 10 hours, which shall be
12 divided equally between those favoring and those op-
13 posing the bill or resolution. A motion to further
14 limit debate is not debatable.

15 “(c) An amendment to, or motion to recommit,
16 the bill or resolution is not in order, and it is not
17 in order to move to reconsider the vote by which the
18 bill or resolution is agreed to or disagreed to.”.

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